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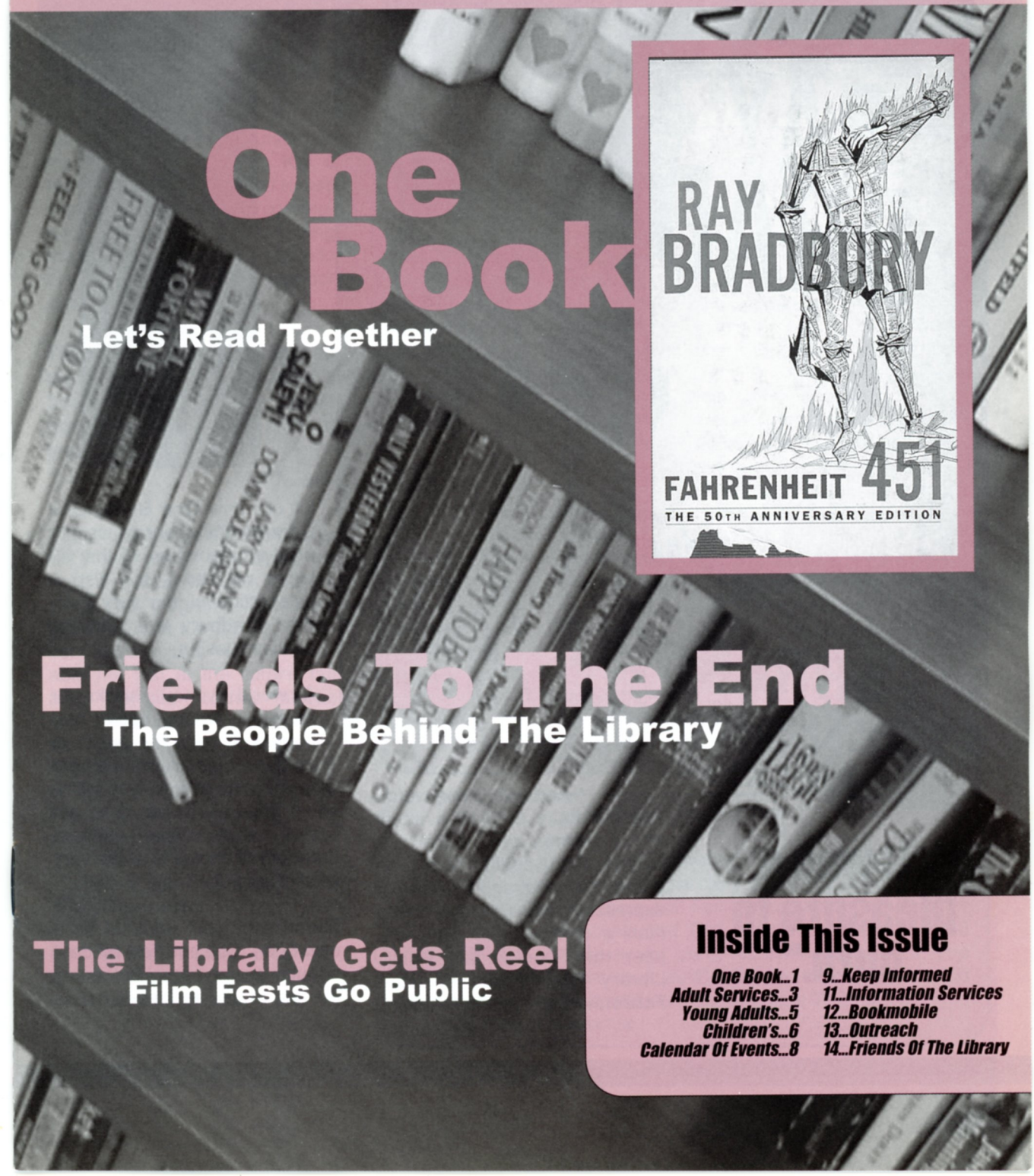

One Book

Let's Read Together

Friends To The End

The People Behind The Library

The Library Gets Reel

Film Fests Go Public

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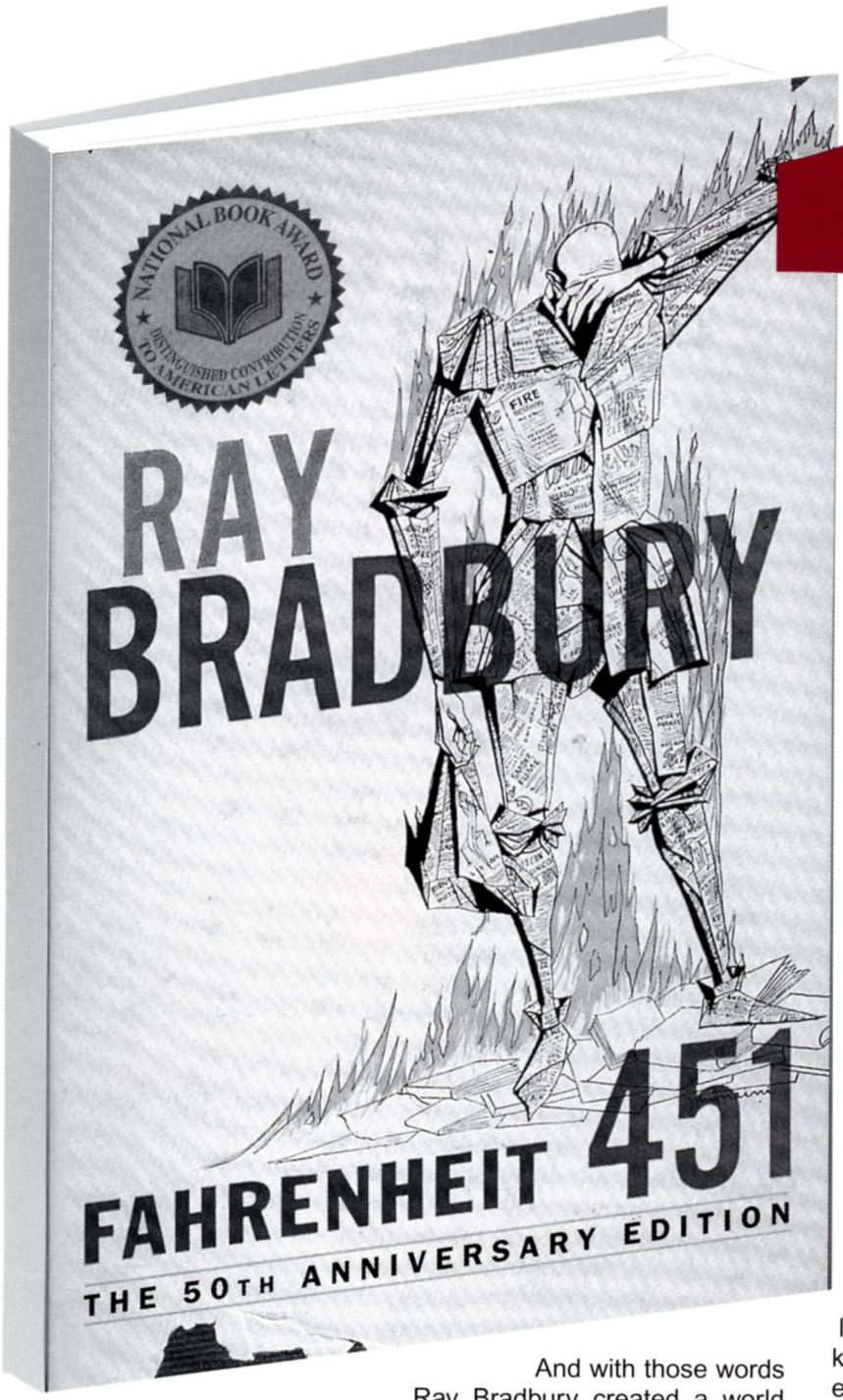

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"It was a pleasure to burn."

And with those words Ray Bradbury created a world where firemen were more concerned about setting fires than putting them out and freedom of expression was nothing more than a myth. Over 50 years later the Fountaindale Public Library District has selected **Fahrenheit 451** as the first book for our new **One Book, One Community** program as not only a celebration of the villages we serve, but also a celebration of the very freedom Bradbury was warning us about losing.

A world without books or libraries, where books are burned to keep the public at large placid, and a world where killer robot dogs exist is a frightening idea. Our job is to put books into your hands. Freedom of choice is at the very core of our job.

The idea of "One Book" is not a new one. Chicago first made it popular years ago. But being the first to use an idea is not as

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important as the idea itself. We saw Chicago become united in their energy to read **To Kill a Mockingbird** and wanted to see that unity in our reading community. The idea of people reading the same book and being able to discuss it with their neighbor excites us.

The point is obvious. There is more than one way to burn a book. And the world is full of people running about with lit matches.

-Ray Bradbury

Starting in March and continuing for three months the library will host a series of book discussions and programs that cover the novel and the issues it raises. Discussions will be available not just at the library, but also various coffee stores and businesses throughout Bolingbrook and Romeoville. The library will also be offering online discussions for those of you who cannot make it out to the library proper.

Look for **One Book, One Community** programs with the **One Book** icon next to them. More programs and information will be available in the coming months.

On Writing

Bradbury Speaks From A 2001 Interview

"I'm from Northern Illinois. I grew up there until I was fourteen, in a small town, Waukegan, a town which I have written about many times over the years in books like **Something Wicked This Way Comes** and **Dandelion Wine**. It became so much a part of my life and my thinking that I couldn't stop remembering it and writing about it…

Back when I was twelve years old I was madly in love with *L. Frank Baum* and the **Oz** books, along with the novels of *Jules Verne* and *H.G. Wells,* and especially the **Tarzan** books and the **John Carter, Warlord of Mars** books by *Edgar Rice Burroughs…*

I began to think about being a writer when I was eight years old because I saw the covers of the wonderful new magazines **Amazing and Wonder Stories.** The covers were so beautiful and so enchanting that I decided then and there that some day I would slip between the covers of those magazines and never come out, which is what I finally did. It was such a beautiful place to live, I thought…

Simultaneously I saw Blackstone the Magician on stage and thought, what a wonderful life it would be if I could grow up and become a magician.

In many ways that is exactly what I did.

About The Author

Ray Bradbury has published some 500 short stories, novels, plays, and poems since his first story appeared in Weird Tales when he was twenty years old. For several years, he wrote for *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* and *The Twilight Zone*, and in 1953 he wrote the screenplay for *John Huston's Moby Dick*. The National Book Foundation, in 2000, awarded their Gold Medal to Ray Bradbury for his contribution to American literature. He lives in Los Angeles, California.

Adult Services

Foreign Film Festival

Critically acclaimed films from around the world will be shown at 2 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month in Romeoville and on the fourth Sunday of the month in Bolingbrook. No registration is required. **All films have English subtitles.**

Bolingbrook

January 30
Pather Panchali/Song of the Little Road (2003, 1955)

(Bengali) A moving story of a poor Bengali family cursed with bad luck, filmed on location.

February 27
Pane e tulipani/Bread and Tulips (2000)

(Italian) Described as "Italy's magical fantasy of midlife crisis and rebirth in Venice."

April 24
L'argent do poche/Small Change (1976)

(French) Life from early childhood to adolescence is illustrated in episodes involving ten children.

May 29
Bacheha-Ye aseman/Children of Heaven (1997)

(Persian: In Farsi) Story of a brother and sister who share a pair of shoes when the boy loses his sister's only pair.

Romeoville

February 6
Kolya (1997)

(Czech) The story of a 55-year old struggling cellist and self-proclaimed bachelor, Louka, who gets more than he bargained for in the form of 5-year old Kolya, whose mother abandons him.

March 6
Akira Kurosawa's Dreams (1990)

(Japanese) "Dreams" is a series of eight short stories and parables, some of them autobiographical.

April 3
Tango (1998)

(Spanish) The story of a director's passionate love affair with a beautiful dancer, who is surrounded by danger.

May 1
Wings of Desire (1987)

(German) Based on the poems of Rainer Maria Rilke, about an angel who wishes he were mortal and is willing to fall from the sky if it means a chance to fall in love

For a full description of the titles, please see our website at http://fountaindale.lib.il.us or pick up a film festival brochure. For more information please call the Adult Services desk in Bolingbrook at (630) 759-2102, ext. 4176 or in Romeoville at (815) 886-2030, ext. 7910.

Books On Film

Is the book really better than the movie? The newest book club at the library aims to find out. Join us as we primarily discuss works of fiction (and occasionally non-fiction) that have been translated to major Hollywood releases. The first meeting of the month will showcase the movie, while the second meeting will be spent discussing both the book and the film.

Thursday Jan.13 and 27
7 p.m. in Bolingbrook
Field of Dreams a.k.a **Shoeless Joe** by *W.P. Kinsella*

Wednesday, Feb. 2 and 16
7 p.m in Romeoville
About a Boy by *Nick Hornby*

Thursday March 10 and 24
7 p.m. in Bolingbrook
October Sky a.k.a **Rocket Boy** by *Homer Hickam*

Wednesday April 6 and 20
7 pm. in Romeoville
Fahrenheit 451 by *Ray Bradbury*

Thursday April 7 and 21
7 pm. in Bolingbrook
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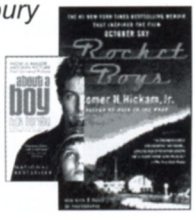


Share A Great Read

The Fountaindale Public Library offers five different book clubs for adults to enjoy on Mondays and Wednesdays. New members are welcome! You can request a copy of the following titles at any of the library's service desks.

Great Reads Book Club

The *Great Reads Book Club* reads both fiction and non-fiction. It meets at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in Romeoville.

January 26
The White
by *Deborah Larsen*

February 23
Sleep Toward Heaven
by *Amanda Eyre Ward*

March 23
Talk Before Sleep
by *Elizabeth Berg*

April 27
Not Without My Daughter
by *Betty Mahmoody*

May 11
Fahrenheit 451
by *Ray Bradbury*

Contact *Yvonne McCurrie* (815) 886-2030, ext. 7901 for further information.

Romance Book Club

The *Romance Book Club* meets at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month in Bolingbrook.

January 10
Trading Up
by *Candace Bushnell*

February 14
Bridget Jones Diary
by *Helen Fielding*

March 14
Hot Flash Club
by *Nancy Thayer*

April 11
Fahrenheit 451
by *Ray Bradbury*

May 9
Dating Big Bird
by *Laura Zigman*

Contact *Cindy Palermo* (630) 759-2102 for more information.

Mystery Book Club

The *Mystery Book Club* meets at 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in Bolingbrook.

January 5
A Tournament Of Murders
by *P.C. Doherty*

February 2
The White Rose Murders
by *Michael Clynes*

March 2
Death At Bishop's Keep
by *Robin Paige*

April 6
Rosemary Remembered
by *Susan Wittig Albert*

May 4
Crewel World
by *Monica Ferris*

Contact *Judy Prawiec* (630) 759-2102, ext. 4208 for more information.

Kuumba Book Club

The *Kuumba Book Club** meets at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of each month in Bolingbrook, and discusses books by and about African-Americans.

February 21
Leaving Cecil Street
by *Diana McKinney-Whetstone*

March 21
Fahrenheit 451
by *Ray Bradbury*

April 18
Too Much Of A Good Thing
by *Kimberla Roby Lawson*

May 16
Gotham Diaries
by *Tonya Lee Lewis & Crystal Anthony McCrary*

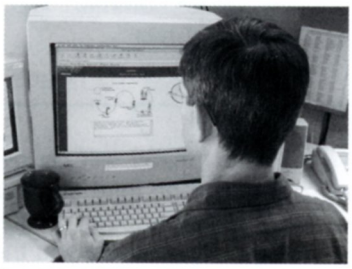
*Continuing education credits available for teachers.

Contact *Helen Poyer* at (630) 759-2102, ext.4160 for more information.

The Senior Book Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 pm at the Levy Center. For more information please see page 13.

Get Plugged In

We offer a variety of free computer classes for adults. The classes are one-time two-hour hands on instruction intended to give students a basic introduction to a particular computer application or program. **Basic Computing** is for those people who have never used a computer before, need to learn to use a mouse, or just need a refresher. **Getting Started on the Internet** teaches you how to perform simple searches on the Internet and how to use a web browser. We also show you how to sign up for a free e-mail account.



Introduction to Word 97 will teach you the basics of word processing including how to open, save and print a document. It also covers how to cut and paste, and make basic format changes. You must pre-register for classes. For more information, and to register for a computer class at our Bolingbrook library, call (630) 759-2102, ext. 4176. For classes at Romeoville, call (815) 886-2030, ext. 7910.

Winter Blues?

Stop by the library to enter the winter reading program, between January 10 and March 18. Fill out a book note for each book you read (audio books count too) and deposit it in the plastic drop-box at the Circulation desk of each library. A drawing will be held at the end of program for gift certificates to a local bookstore. Need some advice on what to read? Visit the Readers Services desk at Bolingbrook, the Information desk at Romeoville, or the Book Lovers section of our web site. We love to talk about books.

Young Adults

One At A Time

Remember that book you read that had such a fantastic opening line that you couldn't put it down? Now it's your turn. Write an opening line to a story that will have people begging for more. Make sure it is no more than 25 words long and your original work. Submit it during the month of January in the **Best First Line** box. At the end of the month teens will vote for the **Best First Line**. You'll get a $25.00 Borders Gift Certificate if you win! There will also be prizes for second and third places.

Express Yourself

Feel the need to tell things like it is? Have ideas about the world around you, and no one is listening? Put your pen to paper and write it out! The library is looking for poets who aren't afraid to share what is going on in their lives for our **Express Yourself Teen Poetry Contest**. All submissions must be your own words! Drop off your poem at the library during the month of April in the poetry box, or submit the poem by e-mail to the young adult librarian (tasquires@fountaindale.lib.il.us or rcarreno@fountaindale.lib.il.us).

Vote for your favorite poem at the end of the month. If you win you'll get a $25.00 Borders Gift Certificate. There will also be prizes for second and third places. So don't delay! Write today!

Sweet Deal

Do you have a sweet tooth? During the month of May, take your checkout receipts and use them to make a guess at the amount of candy in the jar in the Teen Zone areas. Simply write your guess on the back of your receipts and turn them in at the Teen Zone areas. Turn in as many receipts with as many guesses as you want during the entire month of May. The closest guess wins the jar of candy. What a great way to wind down the school year and get ready for summer! Go on, make a guess!

Lend A Hand

Do you want to help out? If you're in grades 6 - 12 and you need service hours for an organization, or you just want to spend some time with us, we'd love to have you! Volunteers may simply stop in at Bolingbrook or Romeoville to fill out an application. Then come back to work on a drop-in basis, after the application has been completed, on Monday evenings from 3 - 8 p.m in Romeoville and Tuesday evenings from 3 - 8 p.m. in Bolingbrook. Other times are available through special arrangement with Nancy Sauer at (630) 685-4180 or through e-mail at nsauer@fountaindale.lib.il.us.

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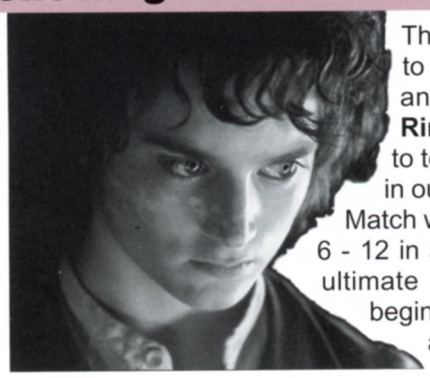


Think you know all there is to know about J.R.R. Tolkien and **The Lord of the Rings**? Come to the library to test your Tolkien know-how in our **Tolkien Trivia Contest**. Match wits with other teens grade 6 - 12 in a battle to see who is the ultimate Tolkien fan! The fun begins on March 7 at 1:30 p.m. at our Bolingbrook facility. Grand prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place and other goodies will be handed out just for participating. Hope to see you there!

Children

Books Spring To Life

A Magic Tree House Adventure
Children in grades 3 through 5 are invited on an adventure to explore the **Magic Tree House** at Romeoville. Have fun being with friends for an hour beginning at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 7! The adventure includes a magical snack. Please register beginning February 28.
Limit 25.

Spiderwick Chronicles Party
Come celebrate the **Spiderwick Chronicles** with a party at Romeoville. There will be crafts, games and prizes based on the popular books by Tony Di Terlizzi and Holly Black. **CAUTION:** Remember to wear red, turn clothing inside out, or use your own fairy protection device for the party to be held on Wednesday, March 30 for children in grades 2-5 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration begins March 23. Limit: 35

American Girl Tea
Children in grades K - 5 with an adult are cordially invited to an **American Girl Tea** in Bolingbrook on Thursday, March 31, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Learn about one of the American Girls and her times, create a craft, and enjoy refreshments. Registration begins March 24. Limit: 48

Introductory Offer

In addition to our regularly scheduled Storytimes, we have added a few special "introductory" sessions for our more specialized classes. Register one week in advance of each of the specials. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. on January 19, March 23, and May 25 for **Lapsit Storytime** at Bolingbrook, a 30 minute program perfect for infants (newborn to 24 months) and a caregiver. **Diez Deditos** offers stories in Spanish and English, so you do not need to know Spanish to attend. Concepts and stories presented will be just right for children from 2 to 6 years old with an adult, but older siblings are welcome. Attend these one-time classes to find out if the program is a good fit for you and then come back for the regular 5 week storytimes.

Mystery In The Lower Level
Do you like working with clues? Are you interested in finding out "who done it?" This mystery program will challenge even the best of the best! Third through fifth grade sleuths are invited to collect clues and solve the mystery on January 17 at 2 p.m. in the lower level of the Romeoville building! A mysterious snack will be provided during the one hour program. Please register beginning January 10.

New Program

Build It!
Bring your own Lego blocks and come on down! We will meet in the carpeted meeting room, immersed in a wild fantasy world. Adults are invited along with their second through fifth grader to enjoy this free-form building experience on the fourth Thursday of each month from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Free play is encouraged, trading is allowed, and no registration is required.

I Can Read

Have you just learned how to read? Come to the Children's Services Desk in the Bolingbrook or Romeoville library any time and read a few lines from an ER (Easy Reader) book. A staff member will listen and award you with an "I Can Read" button and a Certificate of Achievement. We're waiting to hear you say, "I CAN READ!"

Egg Effects

Adults, young adults and children in grades 3 - 5 accompanied by an adult are invited to learn the ancient art of pysanky, Ukrainian egg decorating, at the Romeoville location on Wednesday, March 2, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. or at the Bolingbrook location on Saturday, March 5, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. or Wednesday, March 9, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. Registration starts February 16 for all classes. Attendees will need to bring eggs. Pick up details at the Children's Services Desk.

Picture Poetry Month

Picture A Poem

Pick up an outline at the Children's Services desk and bring your poem to life. Write your poem along the shape or color the shape and add some rhyming words. We'll display your Poetry Picture in the Children's area. You may reclaim your poem starting May 1st and no later than May 15. Join us at Storytime for even more poetry fun!

Poet's Workshop

Explore the many forms of poetry as well as the ways to get and keep your creative juices flowing at a **Poet's Workshop**. Join the hourlong workshop at 1:30 p.m. on April 1st at Romeoville and on April 15th at Bolingbrook. Bring in your favorite poems to share and write some of your own in this fun celebration of Poetry Month. Children grades 3-5 should register one week before each program. Limit 15

Meet Friends

Kids in preschool through fifth grade are welcome to bring their old books to Bolingbrook on Tuesday, March 29 from 2 - 4 p.m. and exchange them for others. It's a great way to get some different books to read and meet other kids. Sign up during the **Book Swap** for a raffle to be held at the end of the day. Winner need not be present to win.

Come join the fun during Spring Break with **Card Trading and Game Playing**! Trade your favorite cards (remember, no money exchanges are allowed) or play your favorite games. You can even do both! Drop in at the library in Bolingbrook on Wednesday, March 30, between 2 and 3:30 p.m. with your cards and/or board or card game. The game day is open to children in grades K - 5.

Bike Rodeo

Yee haw! It's a **Bike Rodeo** for all non-motorized two wheelers without training wheels! Register on May 18 to be a part of the fun on May 25 starting at 4:15 p.m. Bring your own bike and head to the northwest corner of the Bolingbrook library parking lot. Kids will have a chance to register their bike with the Bolingbrook Police Department, ride the obstacle course and learn some valuable bike safety tips. Limit: 40.

Programs Galore

Please stop by the Children's Services Desk for brochures detailing the following fabulous programs:

Storytime - Choose a five week storytime from programs offered for babies through fifth graders.

Butter Books - This brand-new program offers kids the chance to view and discuss movie adaptations of books. See page 9.

Computers For Kids - Kids and their families are offered an introduction to using computers. Enjoy some new classes as well as a few returning favorites.

Talkabout Group - Offered in Bolingbrook for kids from fourth through eighth grades and their parents to discuss candidates for the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award.

Make sure to pick up a calendar each month to find out even more great programs such as **Preschool Activity Time** in both buildings, **Preschool Arts & Fables** in Bolingbrook and **Preschool Craft Time**, **Let's Create**, and **Cocoa Club** in Romeoville.

Program Calendars

Cut out and keep this page to remind you of some our upcoming programs.

Young Adults

January, All Month	Best First Line Contest	BB, RV
January 17,3:00 pm	*Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen*	BB
January 18, 3:00 pm	*White Fang*	RV
January 26, 4:00 pm	Pizza & Pages Teen Book Group	RV
February 15, 6:00 pm	Chess Club	RV
February 21, 3:00 pm	*The Outsiders*	BB
February 22, 3:00 pm	*The Princess Bride*	RV
March 7, 1:30 pm	Tolkien Trivia Contest	BB
March 23, 4:00 pm	Pizza & Pages Teen Book Group	RV
March 28, 3:00 pm	*Cheaper By The Dozen*	BB
March 29, 3:00 pm	*Ella Enchanted*	RV
April All Month	Express Yourself Teen Poetry Contest	BB, RV
April 18, 3:00 pm	*Ella Enchanted*	BB
April 19, 3:00 pm	*The Outsiders*	RV
May All Month	Receipts For Reading	BB, RV
May 16, 3:00 pm	*Holes*	BB
May 17, 3:00 pm	*Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement*	RV
May 25, 4:00 pm	Pizza & Pages Teen Book Group	RV

Children

January 1 - February 28	Family Winter Reading Program Continues	BB, RV
January 17, 2:00 pm	Mystery In The Lower Level	RV
January 24	Storytime Registration Begins	BB, RV
January 27, 5:30 pm	Build It!	BB
January 31 - March 4	Winter Storytimes Held	BB, RV
February 24, 5:30 pm	Build It!	BB
March 2, 6:15 pm	Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop	RV
March 5, 1:30 pm	Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop	BB
March 7, 2:00 pm	A Magic Tree House Adventure	RV
March 9, 6:15 pm	Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop	BB
March 24, 5:30 pm	Build It!	BB
March 28	Spring Storytime Registration Begins	BB, RV
March 29, 2:00 pm	Book Swap	BB
March 30, 10:30 am	Spiderwick Chronicles Party	RV
March 31, 11:00 am & 2:00 pm	American Girl Tea	BB
April, All Month	Picture A Poem	BB, RV
April 1, 1:30 pm	Poet's Workshop	RV
April 4 - May 6	Spring Storytimes Held	BB, RV
April 15, 1:30 pm	Poet's Workshop	BB
April 28, 5:30 pm	Build It!	BB
May 25, 4;15 pm	Bike Rodeo	BB
May 26, 5:30 pm	Build It!	BB

This brochure highlights the programming activities scheduled at the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook and Romeoville. Monthly program calendars may be picked up in each library for complete details. Programming is available for adults, young adults, and children. Residents of the Library District are invited to attend programs in both buildings **FREE OF CHARGE**. A sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided for a program upon one week advance request.

Keep Informed

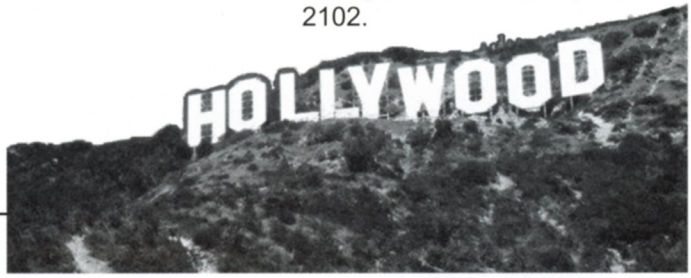
A Film Fest Between The Stacks

Did you know that nearly 50% of movies are adapted from source material? And more often than not, that source is a novel. The library is now offering you the chance to discover whether the book truly is better than the film when we begin hosting some of the most popular adaptations in recent history. Upset that you wanted more piracy, romance and adventure from **The Princess Bride**? Pick up a copy of the book after watching the movie to see what was left out. Musical numbers may not have happened in Gail Carson Levine's **Ella Enchanted**, but the movie makes the idea of singing a musical number while surrounded by giants seem normal. Was the title of the book **Rocket Boy** by Homer Hickam the only thing they changed when making **October Sky**? Join the new Adult Services **Book/Film Club** to find out.

This winter also provides a chance to join in our year long film festival. Don't miss some of the best movies from several countries. Times for each program may vary so check with the proper department for exact details. You can also find more information online at **http://fountaindale.lib.il.us**.

Case By Case

Fountaindale Public Library District has several display cases that may be used to display collections or other artifacts. Are you part of an organization that would like to get information out to the public? Do you have an interesting collection to display? Have you considered lending it to the library for a few weeks? Space does become available, but please call in advance to make arrangements. For Romeoville, call (815) 886-2030 and for Bolingbrook call (630) 759-2102.



Butter Books

Join **Butter Books** at 1:00 p.m. on selected days off from school including Spring Break week. Movies selected will be adaptations from children's books. A short discussion and book talk with refreshments will follow the movie showing. Ask the Children's Services Desk for a complete list of movie and book titles as well as show dates. Pick up tickets one week in advance for most showings and on March 21 for all Spring Break showings. All ages are invited. Children in first grade and younger should bring an adult.

Make A Donation

If you have books, CD's, DVD's or videos that you are discarding consider donating them to the library. The library welcomes all donations. Donations are used to supplement the current collection. Any item that the library will not be using will be added to the used book sale. All proceeds from the book sale are reinvested into the library and used to purchase other books and materials. The donations are tax deductible and always put to good use.

Family Reading

The Family Winter Reading program, **Snow Is Falling, Books Are Calling!**, invites the entire family to curl up together with a warm book. Read 1,000 pages with your family by February 28 and you'll earn a brand-new paperback book for your family to share. Pick up your game card any day starting December 20 at the Children's Services Desk.

A Piece Of History

Deciding that Romeoville lacked an organization that concerned itself primarily with the recording and presentation of village history, Joyce Kinder and Mark Frost sat in their Fenton Avenue homes for several months entertaining the idea of creating a historical society. With encouragement from family, they decided to look further into their idea.

After contacting the Bolingbrook, Lemont and Will County Historical Societies for direction a meeting was scheduled. The first meeting was attended by more than a dozen people as the Will County Historical Society presented a slide show program on the area's history. At the April 24, 1983 meeting, a motion was made to apply for a charter and with that the society was on its way. In 1987, the Fountaindale Library provided rooms to display the artifacts.

Today the Society is thriving with a membership of approximately 140. The Society meets at the Romeoville building of the Fountaindale Public Library, on Normantown Road.

In 2004, the Society became the Fountaindale Historical Society. The Historical Society works with the Library to present historical displays and programs and will continue to answer resident's questions about the history of Romeoville, Bolingbrook and DuPage Township. The Society stays involved in community activities such as Founder's Day Parade, Veteran's Day and annual bazaars and programs.

Currently all of the items in the Fountaindale Historical Society are located in the lower level of Fountaindale Public Library in Romeoville. Groups are welcome to tour the exhibit. Arrangements must be made in advance to view the items. Please call (630) 759-2103 ext. 4176

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME OR NAMES UNDER WHICH MEMBERSHIP IS TO BE LISTED:

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY/STATE:_____ ZIP:_____ DATE:_____

Membership dues are $5.00 per year, for an individual or couple. Dues include subscription to "The Now 'N' THEN, the society newsletter.

Please mail application and dues to:
Fountaindale Historical Society
c/o Fountaindale Public Library
201 Normantown Road
Romeoville, IL 60446

Need A Meeting Space?

If you have an organization or group that needs a place to host a meeting check with the library. Both the Romeoville and Bolingbrook locations have several rooms that would accommodate your next meeting. If you are interested in scheduling a time to use the space please call the library to get more information. In Bolingbrook the number is (630) 759-2102 and in Romeoville (815) 886-2030. If you are a resident of the Fountaindale Library District, there is no charge to use the facility. Some restritcions apply.

Feedback

The new look of The Fountain is now two issues old, and we're looking for comments from the public about what they think? Are you finding programs easier? Has it been delivered to your door? We'd love to here from you. Call us at (630) 759-2102 ext. 4197 with any comments.

Information Services

Computer Commons

A new area has been established at Bolingbrook and Romeoville called the Computer Commons. At Romeoville, 12 computers are available in the Commons area. In Bolingbrook, there are 28 new computers along with a new Training Lab area of 8 computers. The goal of the library is to provide more computers so customers don't have to wait a long time to use a computer.

All the computers have access to Internet; Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, & PowerPoint; Mavis Beacon Typing Tutor; Electronic Resources; and iBistro, the library's online catalog. Printing is available.

Computer usage for Internet is one hour/day, anywhere in the District. Those using Microsoft Word may receive an extra hour of use. All users are strongly encouraged to use their home library card to access the computers. Visitors from other library districts may register their home library cards at the Circulation desks.

The library hopes customers will enjoy the new Commons area. Any questions may be directed to the Information Services staff.

Ask A Librarian

ASK A LIBRARIAN is Fountaindale's real-time virtual reference service, available 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 - 5 p.m Sunday. When you visit our webpage, (*http://fountaindale.lib.il.us*), click on the **Ask A Librarian** button and you will be connected to a Fountaindale librarian. You can request information for research, material titles, get assistance with reserving books, or request information on our programming. The librarian will guide you in locating the information. Try out this great service from the comfort of your home or from work.

Electronic Resources

• **Auto Repair Reference** – To locate repair information for your car, try this resource. It includes repair information on cars from 1954-2003, covering all automobile systems.

• **Ancestry.com & Heritage Quest Online** – If you are looking for genealogy information, try these. Heritage Quest is our newest resource for genealogy.

• **Value Line** – We are pleased to offer the online version of Value Line. For checking your stocks, the information is updated more frequently than the paper copy.

• **West Law Online** – When you need access to Federal & State laws, West Law is the resource to use. Complete text of the laws, administrative codes, and supplementary legal information can be obtained through this resource.

• **Opposing Viewpoints** – We have added Opposing Viewpoints. It provides information on social issues, accesses viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to websites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles.

• **Live Homework Help** – This is our newest resource for students in grades 4-12 and college freshmen. Live, online tutoring by professional tutors is available daily from 2-10 pm.

Students can access the service from any computer station in Information Services and at selected computers in Children's Services. Students establish a username and password the first time on the site. Enter the username and password, select a subject (Math, Science, Social Studies, or English), and select the grade level. You are immediately connected with a tutor in a live online classroom.

Tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors, and graduate students who meet high quality employment standards. Please ask for assistance from anyone at the Information or Children's Services desks to get started.

Bookmobile

Introducing The Bookmobile Patch Club

When: January 3-May 26
Who: All Ages
Available at these locations: Fernwood, Amberton Apartments, Innsbruck Apartments, Beaconridge, Southgate Park

See website for times and dates.

Don't hibernate! Keep up your good reading habits through the spring with the Bookmobile Book Patch Club. Choose a theme, read ten books, and you will be rewarded with a sew-on patch with a special design. For each book read, complete a short book review form to let us know what you thought of the book.

Themes include: Adventure, Animals, Award Winners, Dinosaur, Fantasy/Fairy Tales, Folktales, Reader's Choice, Historical Fiction, Humorous, Scary Stories, Science Fiction, and Sports.

Friends and relatives may also help children ages 3-5 earn Book Patch Beginners patches by sharing fifteen books with a future reader. For each book read, talk with your child about what you have read together and write a short review.

The books being read to earn patches should be books borrowed from any Fountaindale Public Library District location and they must be titles that have not been read before. Book lists are available on the bookmobile for many subjects and our bookmobile staff can help find lots of great titles on the bookmobile. See the list below of suggested bookmobile books available and get ready to start your own book patch collection today!

Suggested Award Winning Titles:

The Tale of Despereaux by *Kate DiCamillo*
Crispin by Avi
A Year Down Yonder by *Richard Peck*
Bud, Not Buddy by *Christopher Paul Curtis*
Holes by *Louis Sachar*
Out of the Dust by *Karen Hesse*
The Giver by *Lois Lowry*
Walk Two Moons by *Sharon Creech*
Maniac Magee by *Jerry Spinelli*
Shiloh by *Phyllis Reynolds Naylor*

Suggested titles for Book Patch Beginners:

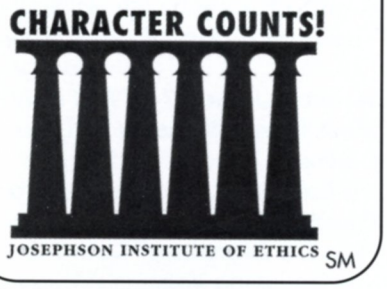
Wild About Books by *Judy Sierra*
My Kindergarten by *Rosemary Wells*
I Am Absolutely Too Small for School by *Lauren Child*
What Does My Teddy Bear Do All Day? by *Bruno Hachler*
Knuffle Bunny by *Mo Willems*
The Blue Ribbon Day by *Katie Couric*
Where's Jamela? by *Niki Daly*
Most Loved Monster by *Lynn Downey*
No Laughing, No Smiling, No Giggling by *James Stevenson*
How Do Dinosaurs Count to Ten? by *Jane Yolen*

Outreach Services

CHARACTER

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

--Helen Keller, author, social activist, and speaker



Beginning With Books

BEGINNING WITH BOOKS

Parent(s) Name_____

Baby's Name_____

Baby's Birthday_____

Phone Number _____

Address (Street / City)_____

Zip_____Today's Date_____

Do you have a new baby at your house? Fountaindale Public Library has a gift for you. Bring the attached coupon to the Children's Desk at either the Bolingbrook or Romeoville building before your baby is six months old and collect the gift we have waiting for you.

Senior Book Club

The Senior Book Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Levy Center

January 10
The Notebook
by *Nicholas Sparks*

February 14
Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas
by *James Patterson*

March 14
One For The Money
by *Janet Evanovich*

April 11
Smoke Jumpers
by *Nicholas Evans*

May 9
No One To Trust
by *Iris Johansen*

For more information call Judy Prawiec (630) 759-2102 ext. 4208.

Education @ Your Fingers

To meet the needs of adults in our communities who need basic literacy instruction, the District's Information Services Unit has compiled a list of websites that are great starting points for exploring the world of adult literacy. Below is a selected list. For a complete list visit the Information Services Unit at http://fountaindale.lib.il.us.

Illinois Network of Literacy and Adult Education Resources
http://literacy.kent.edu/~illinois

Not only does this site contain links to Illinois literacy resources, but it also provides literacy statistics and links to other literacy resources.

Literacy Online
http://www.literacyonline.org

Links to national and international adult basic education and literacy resources are given.

Tower of English
http://towerofenglish.com

Great site for ESL students to practice their English skills. Activities and projects are available.

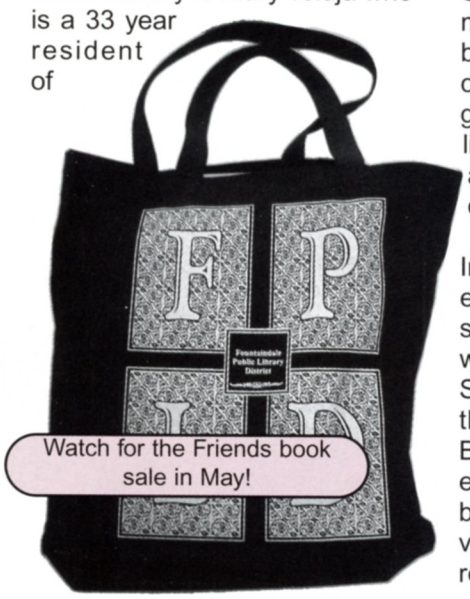
For more information on adult literacy, contact the Information Service Unit in Bolingbrook (630-685-4176) and Romeoville (815-328-7910).

Friends Of The Library

A Friend Indeed

Everyone can use a friend and Fountaindale Public Library is no exception. The library is fortunate to have a great number of "Friends". The Friends of the Library is a non profit group that voluntarily raises money which in return is donated back to the library for programs and items for the collection.

The Friends of the library is a membership based organization made up of volunteers. The current President of the Friends of the Library is Mary Teluja who is a 33 year resident of Bolingbrook and a retired teacher. Mary has been a long time library user and supporter.



Watch for the Friends book sale in May!

The group manages different fundraisers throughout the year. All funds that are raised go directly back to the library. Currently, the friends of the library are selling Krispy Kreme cards which offer 2 dozen doughnuts for the price of one. These cards may be purchased at the circulation desks in both Romeoville and Bolingbrook. Some of the other items that may be purchased are canvas book bags and Page-A-Day calendars. These items make great gifts and it helps the library. Shop & Save books are also available at the front desks.

In addition to the fund raising efforts, the Friends have also started an exciting new program with local coffee shops. At the Starbuck's in Romeoville and the Caribou coffee in Bolingbrook, a basket of donated books call Read N' Return baskets are available. Anyone visiting the coffee shops may read the books but they are asked to return the books after reading them.

If you are interested in becoming a friend of the library membership is quite simple. The dues are as follows:

Individual - $5.00 (yearly)
Family - $8.00 (yearly)
Business - $35.00 (yearly)
Seniors Over 60 - $3.00 (yearly)
Lifetime - $100.00

As an incentive to current members, The Friends have implemented a referral program. Each time a current member refers a new member, they will receive $1.00 off their next year's membership. Eight or more referrals gives them a free one year membership. If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer or joining The Friends of the Library, please contact Mary Teluja at **matuleja@comcast.net**.

Look for more information about the Friends of the Library posted on bulletin boards at both library locations.

Join The Friends

Membership Application

*Name:*_____
*Address:*_____
*City:*_____
*State:*_____ *Zip:*_____
*Phone: ( )*_____
*email:*_____

☐ *Single Member $5.00*
☐ *Family $8.00*
☐ *Business $35.00*
☐ *I have enclosed an additional donation of*_____
My payment is in the form of ☐ *Cash* ☐ *Check*

**** Make all checks payable to Friends of Foutaindale Library***

Return Application To The Library

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All Fountaindale Public Library District board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

The meetings are open to the public. Call (630) 759-2102 for information